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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Katsuaki YAMANOI, et al.

Application No.: 09/990,372

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS  
INCLUDING INFORMATION ATTACHING  
AND GENERATING DEVICE WHICH  
GENERATES GROUP CONTROL  
INFORMATION (As Amended)

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 24, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended through May 24, 2005 by a by a petition for a three-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

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